

Remarks

As noted in the accompanying REQUEST FOR FILING RULE 1.53(B) CONTINUATION APPLICATION, this is a continuation of pending prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/888,282, filed 06/22/01 by John R. Liddicoat et al. for AUTOMATED ANNULAR PLICATION FOR MITRAL VALVE REPAIR (Attorney's Docket No. VIA-6), which in turn claims benefit of prior U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/213,782, filed 6/23/00 for AUTOMATED ANNULAR PLICATION FOR MITRAL VALVE REPAIR (Attorney's Docket No. VIA-6 PROV). The above amendment is intended to make this fact of record in the specification of this continuation application.

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